

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2005 – 0800 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 4**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 97 fires reported. Seven new large fires were reported, two in the Rocky Mountain Area, three in the Northern Rockies Area, and two in the Eastern Great Basin Area. Four large fires were contained, one each in the Rocky Mountain and Eastern Great Basin Areas, and two in the Northern Rockies Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

A Presidential Disaster Declaration was issued on 8/29 for Hurricane Katrina in Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana. Two Area Command Teams are assigned (Williams-Rhodes and Ribar). Williams-Rhodes' Team is providing Incident Management Team coordination for FEMA Region IV at the Regional Response Coordination Center in Atlanta, GA for Hurricane Katrina Support. Ribar's Team is assigned to the Louisiana Emergency Operations Center in Baton Rouge, LA. The Team is coordinating activities of the Incident Management Teams in FEMA Region VI. Numerous resources are being mobilized as part of the relief effort.

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

HURRICANE KATRINA SUPPORT, Federal Emergency Management Agency. Emergency Support Function #4 is staffed at the Regional Response Coordination Centers in Atlanta, GA and Denton, TX. Seven Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Custer, Quesinberry, Pincha-Tulley, Gelobter, Cable, Molumby and Wilcock) are assigned. An additional Type 1 Incident Management Team (Anderson) has been ordered. Custer's Team is managing an evacuation center and base camp, providing services to military, state, local and federal agencies at Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport in Kenner, LA. Quesinberry's Team is managing receiving and distribution operations for FEMA at the Meridian Naval Air Station in MS. Pincha-Tulley's Team is managing several camps and supporting the receiving and distribution of relief supplies at Stennis Space Center in MS. The Team also assisted in establishing an incident command post for FEMA. Gelobter's Team is managing a base camp at Gautier, MS. Cable's team is supporting 2500 emergency responders at the Jackson Support base in New Orleans, LA. Molumby's Team is engaged in constructing and managing a base camp in support of the Disaster Mortuary Operation Response Team at St. Gabriel, LA. Wilcock's Team has established an ICP in Selma, AL and is managing FEMA mobile trailer staging areas.

Nine Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Mullenix, Smith, Thomas, Philbin, Stanford, Hildreth, Whalen, Sinclear and Paul) are assigned. Mullenix's Team is managing four relief centers at San Antonio, TX. More than 5,500 evacuees remain on the scene at the evacuation centers. Smith's Team is managing a base camp at Camp Shelby, MS. Thomas' Team is managing a base camp and supporting military and civilian operations at the National Construction Battalion Center at Gulfport, MS. Philbin's Team is managing an evacuee center in Phoenix, AZ. Stanford's Texas State Incident Management Team is managing a base camp at Hammond and Reserve, LA. Hildreth's North Carolina State Incident Management Team is managing a mobile base camp and staging area in Mobile, AL. Paul's Team is managing a base camp and providing support to out of

state and foreign firefighters and search and rescue personnel at Baton Rouge, LA. Two Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Whalen and Sinclear) are in Jackson, MS to clear roadways and support National Forest recovery operations in Mississippi. A Planning Team (Terry) is supporting relief efforts at the Long Term Recovery Center in Orlando, FL.

Five Logistics Management Teams (Prevey, Humphrey, Lineback, Jenkins and Floyd) have been mobilized; two to Meridian, MS, and one each to Camp Beauregard, LA, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL, and Barksdale Air Force Base, LA. National Park Service All Risk Teams have been assigned to various areas to assist with hurricane recovery. A U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service team is engaged in road clearing, community assistance, and supporting search and rescue work in LaCombe, LA.

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

VALLEY ROAD, Sawtooth National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Sexton) is assigned. This fire started on private land seven miles south and east of Stanley, ID in timber. Residences, commercial property, a work center, wildlife habitat, campgrounds and recreation areas remain threatened. Area closures remain in effect. Decreased fire behavior due to precipitation was reported.

FORT HALL COMPLEX, Fort Hall Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Suwyn) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Rattlesnake and Sawmill fires, is 16 miles south and east of Pocatello, ID in grass, brush and timber. Reduced fire behavior due to cooler temperatures and precipitation was observed.

LOTT, Salt Lake Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is six miles south of Eagle Mountain, UT in grass and juniper. Smoldering, creeping and torching were reported.

FRANK CHURCH, Payette National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Reinarz) is assigned. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident, comprised of the Bear Creek, Root Creek, West Fork/Joe, Missouri Ridge and several other fires is 50 miles northeast of McCall, ID in timber. The fire is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Historic structures, mines and cabins remain potentially threatened. Structure protection remains in place. Remote location and difficult access continue to impede operations. Shower activity limited field operations and fire behavior observations.

BIG DRY CANYON COMPLEX, Caribou-Targhee National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cones) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) complex, comprised of the Big Dry Canyon, Powder and Powder Peak fires, is 10 miles east of Swan Valley, ID. This complex is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. One cabin is threatened and structure protection is in place. Precipitation decreased fire behavior.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
VALLEY ROAD	ID	STF	40,483	47	9/25	954	34	15	9	0	3.8M	PRI
FORT HALL COMPLEX	ID	FHA	19,008	91	9/11	562	16	23	6	1	2.9M	BIA
LOTT	UT	SLD	309	85	9/11	106	1	4	4	0	125K	BIA
FRANK CHURCH – WFU	ID	PAF	44,312	N/A	N/A	53	0	0	1	0	2.2M	FS

BIG DRY CANYON – WFU	ID	CTF	1,640	N/A	N/A	21	0	0	1	0	62K	FS
DIVERSION	ID	FHA	1,250	100	---	98	2	15	0	0	UNK	BIA

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

HEARTLAND, Lewistown Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 45 miles southeast of Malta, MT in grass, shrubs and timber. One residence and wildlife habitat are threatened. Creeping, smoldering and isolated torching were reported.

NYQUIL, Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is 48 miles northwest of Jordan, MT in Juniper and grass. Wind driven fire behavior with short runs and isolated torching was reported.

THUNDER MOUNTAIN, Lewis and Clark National Forest. This fire is six miles southwest of Monarch, MT in timber litter and understory. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering was observed.

SIGNAL ROCK, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Carlson) is assigned. The fire is 17 miles southwest of Philipsburg, MT in timber and is burning on both the Bitterroot and Beaverhead/Deerlodge National Forests. Wildlife habitat is threatened. Fire behavior decreased due to precipitation.

SELWAY-SALMON COMPLEX, Bitterroot National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cook) is assigned. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) complex, comprised of the El Capitan, Wapiti, Beaverjack, Reynolds and numerous other fires, is 26 miles southwest of Hamilton, MT in timber. This complex, burning on both the Salmon-Challis and Bitterroot National Forests, is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Minimal fire behavior due to precipitation was observed.

LONG BLACK COMPLEX, Clearwater National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Long Creek and Black Canyon fires, is 38 miles northeast of Pierce, ID in timber. Steep terrain and limited access continue to hamper containment efforts. Due to scattered showers, fire behavior was minimal with creeping, smoldering, and isolated torching reported.

ROCKIN, Bitterroot National Forest. This fire is 10 miles northwest of Darby, MT in timber. Heavy fuels, steep terrain, and difficult access continue to hamper containment efforts. Reduced fire behavior due to precipitation was reported.

RUNNING COMPLEX, Nez Perce National Forest. This previously reported lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is 33 miles southeast of Lowell, ID in grass, brush and timber. The fires are being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The Wylies fire has been merged into the complex. Minimal fire behavior was reported. This will be the last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

ELK COMPLEX WFU, Nez Perce National Forest. This previously reported lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is located 36 miles east of Lowell, ID in grass, brush and timber. The fires are being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Residences, commercial property and other structures remain threatened. Structure protection and an area closure remain in place. Minimal fire behavior was reported. This will be the last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CR W	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
HEARTLAND	MT	LED	6,220	10	UNK	18	0	5	0	3	UNK	BLM
NYQUIL	MT	CMR	400	10	9/11	40	0	13	1	0	UNK	BLM
THUNDER MOUNTAIN	MT	LCF	102	0	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	15K	FS
SIGNAL ROCK	MT	BRF	13,327	15	UNK	185	5	3	2	0	3.5M	FS
SELWAY-SALMON COMPLEX - WFU	MT	BRF	35,720	N/A	N/A	45	0	1	1	0	933K	FS
LONG BLACK COMPLEX	ID	CWF	2,160	10	UNK	130	5	2	2	0	2.3M	FS
ROCKIN	MT	BRF	6,869	50	10/21	3	0	0	1	0	1.8M	FS
RUNNING COMPLEX - WFU	ID	NPF	10,269	N/A	N/A	1	0	0	0	0	5K	FS
ELK COMPLEX - WFU	ID	NPF	2,200	N/A	N/A	9	0	0	0	0	25K	FS
HAZARD LAKE - WFU	MT	LCF	5,120	N/A	N/A	82	2	0	5	0	734K	FS
HARPERS BEND	ID	CMS	310	100	---	78	3	3	0	0	UNK	ST
SEEPAY #2	MT	FHA	8,500	100	---	6	0	2	0	0	UNK	BIA

FHA - Flathead Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs

CMS - Craig Mountain Area Office, Idaho Department of Lands

NORTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

SQUAW CREEK, Northeast Region, Department of Natural Resources. A Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Reed/Holloway) is assigned. This fire started on private land three miles southwest of Methow, WA in timber. Residences, other structures, wildlife habitat and orchards remain threatened. Minimal fire behavior due to higher humidity was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
SQUAW CREEK	WA	NES	1,100	90	9/11	441	12	34	4	1	630K	ST

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

VOLCAN, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Monte Vista Unit. A CDF Type 1 Incident Command Team (Kerrigan) is assigned. This fire is two miles north of Julian, CA in grass and timber understory. Road closures remain in effect. A high number of snags continue to hamper containment efforts. Minimal fire behavior was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
VOLCAN	CA	MVU	685	75	9/12	842	29	37	4	41	2.9M	ST

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

BLACK MOUNTAIN, Worland Field Office (North Zone), Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 15 miles east of Thermopolis, Wyoming in sagebrush and grass. Minimal fire behavior was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
BLACK MOUNTAIN	WY	WOD	1,000	50	9/12	54	1	11	1	0	UNK	BLM
SANDHILLS	SD	PRA	833	100	---	44	0	22	0	0	51K	BIA

PRA – Pine Ridge Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs

OUTLOOK:

Fire Weather Watch: For southern Nevada noon to 9 pm for gusty winds and low relative humidity.

Weather Discussion: A large upper trough will remain over the West. With this system weakening, winds should begin to decrease. Precipitation will also begin to diminish and be mainly confined to the northern Great Basin and Northern Rockies. Along the Gulf Coast, it will be mostly sunny with highs in the lower 90s.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Northern Rockies West of divide: Much cooler with widespread wetting moisture diminishing. East of divide: Turning much cooler with scattered showers.	West of divide: 60s. East of divide: 62 to 77. North Dakota: 70 to 77.	West of divide: 35 to 50%. East of divide: 29 to 42%. North Dakota: 30 to 50%.	West of divide: West to north 5 to 15 mph. East of divide: West to north 5 to 15 mph. North Dakota: West to north 5 to 15 mph.
Northern California Partly cloudy. Areas of coastal fog and low clouds. Slight chance of showers in the northern and eastern mountains.	Upper 50s to 70s.	25 to 45%.	Afternoon wind westerly 5 to 15 mph and gusty, with the strongest gusts of 20 to 30 mph, especially in northeast California, late in the afternoon.
Southern California Morning low clouds and fog into the coastal valleys and coastal mountain foothills, otherwise mostly sunny, accept partly cloudy with isolated afternoon showers and thunderstorms over the Sierra.	65 to 80 mountains. 75 to 85 valleys. 80 to 90 upper deserts. 90 to 102 lower deserts.	20-35%.	Southwest to northwest 10 to 20 mph.
Rocky Mountain Area Breezy to Windy conditions across much of the area. Otherwise, isolated thunderstorm over southern Colorado.	80s to lower 90s at lower elevations and mid 60s to mid 70s in the mountains.	20% or less in northeast Wyoming, western South Dakota and portions of eastern Colorado.	Southwest winds 10 to 30 mph.
Western Great Basin Windy. Cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms in the north. Partly cloudy south.	North valleys: 68 to 80. South valleys: 75 to 99. Mountains: 48 to 75.	North valleys: 14 to 25%. South valleys: 10 to 16%. Mountains: 16 to 40%.	Southwest to northwest at 10 to 20 mph with gusts 30 to 40 mph.



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Topic of Choice

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						0	0
Northern California	FIRES					14	6	20
	ACRES					15	0	15
Southern California	FIRES				0	7	2	9
	ACRES				1	190	0	191
Northern Rockies	FIRES	0	1	1		4	1	7
	ACRES	300	1	400		144	53	898
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	2	3			9	5	19
	ACRES	1,313	102			223	0	1,638
Western Great Basin	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Southwest	FIRES			5		1	3	9
	ACRES			22		15	0	37
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	4			2	5	12
	ACRES	833	1,000			0	0	1,833
Eastern Area	FIRES					13	4	17
	ACRES					3	1	4
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						40	40
TOTAL	FIRES	3	8	6	0	51	29	97
	ACRES	2,446	1,103	422	1	590	94	4,656

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	4	96	59	16	388	21	584
	ACRES	4	1,850,279	1,636,861	3,409	847,173	336	4,338,062
Northwest	FIRES	162	228	25	31	1,223	791	2,460
	ACRES	27,945	41,262	5,787	121	71,260	98,372	244,747
Northern California	FIRES	130	30	9	15	1,629	366	2,179
	ACRES	213	24,896	14	101	22,801	4,609	52,634
Southern California	FIRES	37	106	13	46	2,107	555	2,864
	ACRES	962	5,322	136	73,814	32,160	8,663	121,057
Northern Rockies	FIRES	478	46	29	11	592	593	1,749
	ACRES	20,218	3,636	3,657	25	27,126	54,470	109,132
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	49	634	11	31	613	493	1,831
	ACRES	26,746	652,458	25	626	112,110	63,274	855,239
Western Great Basin	FIRES	6	441	19	24	93	105	688
	ACRES	27	981,531	13,312	258	112,195	8,755	1,116,078
Southwest	FIRES	1,516	344	37	51	1,273	1,464	4,685
	ACRES	34,137	158,783	9,634	364	129,752	416,372	749,042
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	275	454	30	21	525	463	1,768
	ACRES	6,864	7,615	553	25	25,542	22,942	63,541
Eastern Area	FIRES	595		36	50	9,669	533	10,883
	ACRES	7,114		1,732	953	66,725	8,182	84,706
Southern Area	FIRES	213		176	37	17,181	488	18,095
	ACRES	26,883		34,504	2,474	227,253	11,896	303,010
TOTAL	FIRES	3,465	2,379	444	333	35,293	5,872	47,786
	ACRES	151,113	3,725,782	1,706,215	82,170	1,674,097	697,871	8,037,248

Ten Year Average Fires	65,181
Ten Year Average Acres	4,384,818

*** Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. ***

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				30			30
Northern Rockies	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						253	253
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	30	0	253	283

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					626		626
Northwest	FIRES	18	99	82	3		210	412
	ACRES	5,651	12,769	3,981	265		17,977	40,643
Northern California	FIRES	12	21	140	25		169	367
	ACRES	188	1,101	25,025	2,720		18,439	47,473
Southern California	FIRES	1	5	5	14		79	104
	ACRES	1,000	282	408	2,783		6,819	11,292
Northern Rockies	FIRES	7	28	99	3	31	256	424
	ACRES	415	3,244	22,053	22	2,131	31,671	59,536
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	20	5	3	11	44	84
	ACRES	1	6,082	1,459	31	163	12,276	20,012
Western Great Basin	FIRES		12	10			2	24
	ACRES		6,297	2,711			2,903	11,911
Southwest	FIRES	7	47	2	10		257	323
	ACRES	2,342	51,790	3,210	15,014		65,997	138,353
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	29	2,047	102	16	21	104	2,319
	ACRES	3,709	13,574	20,519	10,342	2,526	31,119	81,789
Eastern Area	FIRES	41		468	36	1,098	145	1,788
	ACRES	17,625		68,181	4,423	69,501	35,835	195,565
Southern Area	FIRES	34		157	58	404	1,112	1,765
	ACRES	7,180		83,558	54,868	270,630	900,428	1,316,664
TOTAL	FIRES	150	2,279	1,070	168	1,569	2,378	7,614
	ACRES	38,111	95,139	231,105	90,468	345,577	1,123,464	1,923,864

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			2	13			15
	ACRES			27,225	141,624			168,849
Northwest	FIRES				1		1	2
	ACRES				2		36,750	36,752
Northern California	FIRES				2		5	7
	ACRES				1		1	2
Southern California	FIRES				12		14	26
	ACRES				8,690		2,158	10,848
Northern Rockies	FIRES				11		76	87
	ACRES				55		62,889	62,944
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				3		89	92
	ACRES				166		75,362	75,528
Western Great Basin	FIRES		8		1			9
	ACRES		1		140			141
Southwest	FIRES	1			2	1	35	39
	ACRES	3,680			9,308	5	105,868	118,861
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		34		5	2	8	49
	ACRES		2,593		1	1,762	1,916	6,272
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				13			13
	ACRES				3,641			3,641
TOTAL	FIRES	1	42	2	63	3	228	339
	ACRES	3,680	2,594	27,225	163,628	1,767	284,944	483,838

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES LAST WEEK	HECTARES LAST WEEK	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	31	0	906	34,727
Yukon Territory	0	0	82	187,438
Alberta	30	0	1,248	60,507
Northwest Territory	2	2,997	259	202,989
Saskatchewan	0	767	320	213,523
Manitoba	13	0	245	72,678
Ontario	24	11	1,725	42,212
Quebec	13	82	1,271	831,680
Newfoundland	1	0	139	21,429
New Brunswick	0	0	289	282
Nova Scotia	1	0	271	504
Prince Edward Island	0	0	10	42
National Parks	0	0	88	36,326
Total	115	3,857	6,853	1,704,340

Weekly reports will be provided starting 9/7/05.

RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest	3	11	4	35	2	3	1		8	141
Northern California	5		10		3	1	3			
Southern California	4	28	2	36	6		4		9	15
Northern Rockies	17	4	30	16	10	9			145	30
Eastern Great Basin	48	9	25	38	12	14	4		361	103
Western Great Basin	2									
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain		1	26	16	1		3		21	3
Eastern Area									27	2
Southern Area							1			
Total	79	53	97	141	34	27	16	0	571	294

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